(4) a Provident Fund for the teachers of all private schools should be established to which the teachers should be required to contribute one chackram in the rupee and the Government double that amount, thereby freeing the management from a burden which it was unable to bear.

Dewan's reply.—I am very glad to hear from you that the recommendations of the Education Expenditure Committee have met with the approval of the people who are engaged in the profession of education and who possess long educational experience like yourself. An exhaustive consideration of, and a final decision in regard to, the several questions which you have dealt with in your speech must await the decisions on the report of that Committee. As I have said in my opening Address, I am calling for a Conference of educational officers and gentlemen engaged in the teaching profession in non-governmental institutions and also some well known Managers of educational institutions to consider the recommendations of the Committee. This Conference will meet in Trivandrum about the middle of April immediately after the close of the Head Masters' Conference. Meanwhile, as I said this morning, Government have considered the urgency of the relief that is needed in the cases of teachers in vernacular schools and they have passed orders raising their grants roughly by 25 per cent. I may tell you that this by itself means an approximate additional expenditure of a lakh of rupees per annum.

Mr. Daniel.—The Managers and the teachers employed by them are deeply thankful to you for the kind measure of help which you have extended.

98. Educational requirements of Vadasseri.

Mr. A. Nayanar, B. A., B. L. (Member, Municipal Council, Nagercoil) said that the real and urgent need of Vadasseri in the matter of education was a non-missionary vernacular school for girls. He acknowledged with gratitude the existing facilities for the general and industrial education of the boys of Vadasseri, but he deplored the absence of similar facilities for Hindu girls. The two local girls' schools conducted by the London Missionary Society did not command the confidence of Hindu parents whose traditions and sentiments were opposed to the instruction imparted in those schools. The teaching of the Bible and of texts containing biblical stories did not meet with the approval of the general Hindu public. He, therefore, prayed for a departmental lower grade vernacular school for girls being opened at Vadasseri or for substantial help being accorded to the local public, should they come foward to open such a school.

Dewan's reply.—The matter will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

99. Necessity for promoting the Malayalam language and literature.

Mr. Trivikramar Vasudevar (Member, Jenmi, Padmabhapuram Division) suggested the following measures for promoting the development of the Malayalam language and its literature:—

(1) The Dewan's Address to the Popular Assembly should be read in Malayalam also.

(2) All official correspondence except with Europeans should be in the vernacular.

(3) The proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council should be in Malayalam.

(4) Persons not conversant with Malayalam should not be appointed in the public service.

(5) Malayalam should be made the Court language.

(6) The form of correspondence in Malayalam should be the same as that in English. The existing mode of Malayalam correspondence was utterly lacking in orm, the result being that it was open to any officer to address any non-official way he chose.

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(7) All Government publications in the Gazette in English should be accompanied by their translations in Malayalam.

(8) Vernacular papers should be subscribed for and read by every departmental head.

(9) An examination in Law should be instituted for the use of those who know Malayalam alone, and the books required for such an examination should be translated into the Vernacular.

(10) Holders of vernacular examination certificates should be appointed to higher posts in Government service and those who passed the vernacular higher examination placed on a footing of equality with the holders of secondary school leaving certificates.

(11) Arrangements should be made for publishing a Malayalam lexicon.

(12) The Text Book Committee should be asked to translate scientific books from English into the vernacular.

(13) Correspondence in Malayalam should be encouraged and insisted upon in the Huzur Office and the vernacular staff should not be disbanded as was rumoured.

Dewan's reply.—The rumour that the vernacular staff in the Huzur Office is going to be disbanded is not true. There is, of course, no need for a large vernacular staff there, since communications from the subordinate offices are mostly in English. The Member's suggestion to arrange for preparing standard works in Malayalam and a Malayalam Lexicon (*Nighantu*) will be considered.

100. Need for granting concessions to the students of the Vilakkithala Nair caste to a greater extent than at present in the matter of education.

Mr. K. C. Shadananan Nair (Member, Nominated) stated that poverty was the only impediment which stood in the way of the members of his community availing themselves of the advantages of modern education. His community numbered more than twenty thousand, but the number of literates among them was shockingly low. Not one of his community had so far entered the portals of a College. Only one boy and one girl of his community had so far come out successful in the English school leaving certificate examination. In all the schools together in the State, there were only 4 boys and two girls attending the school final class. Of the vernacular school leaving certificate holders numbering about ten, not one had succeeded in securing a berth under Government in spite of repeated requests to several heads of departments. That was a distressing circumstance impeding the education of several boys of his community. The Member, therefore, prayed for greater consideration being shown to the members of his community in the distribution of official patronage and for the same educational concessions being granted to them as those enjoyed by Mahomedans.

The Member next spoke about the use of the term "Barber" in G. O. No. E. 4196, dated 16-10-1919, and pointed out that the correct designation of his community was "Vilakkithala Nair." He said that there were several records to substantiate his contention and prayed for the name "Barber" being changed into "Vilakkithala Nair" in the above G. O.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the Member's request for concessions for students from his community, the Director of Public Instruction has been asked to submit proposals in regard to the increase of scholarships for members of the depressed classess. The Member's suggestion to change the name of his community will be referred to the Census Commissioner.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-30 P. M.

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